

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
NOTICE OF HEARING FOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS
IN THE LOWER ARKANSAS BASIN**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared seven Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for streams in the Lower Arkansas River Basin that are impaired by not meeting state water quality standards for chloride and sulfate. These seven TMDLs complete the requirements of Kansas to develop TMDLs for impaired waters in the twelve river basins of the state by June 30, 2006. These requirements were established under a schedule dictated by an April 13, 1998 Court Decree between the State, the Sierra Club, the Kansas Natural Resources Council and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The seven TMDLs presented for public review are:

1. The Arkansas River from Hutchinson to Maize - Chloride
2. The Arkansas River from Maize to Derby - Chloride
3. The Arkansas River from Derby to Arkansas City - Chloride
4. The Upper Little Arkansas River – Chloride
5. Turkey Creek in McPherson County – Chloride
6. Cow Creek in Rice and Reno Counties – Chloride
7. The Medicine Lodge River - Sulfate

These TMDLs are available for review at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment TMDL website: <http://kdheks.gov/tmdl/>. Additionally, copies of the TMDLs can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Water, Watershed Planning Section (785-296-6170).

A public hearing to take testimony from interested parties will be held Wednesday, June 7, 2006 in Hutchinson at the Kansas Department of Transportation Building, 1220 E. Fourth Street. The hearing will be from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. The first portion of the hearing will be a briefing by the Watershed Planning Section, outlining each of the seven TMDLs. The public record for these TMDLs will be held open until June 20. After reviewing the testimony and public comments, KDHE will make any appropriate revisions to the seven TMDLs and will submit them to Region VII of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by June 30, 2006.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing process and may request the proposed TMDLs in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing process should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting KDHE.

Requests or questions should be directed to the Tom Stiles at the Watershed Planning Section of KDHE at: Watershed Planning Section/Tom Stiles, 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367; by email at tstiles@kdhe.state.ks.us; by telephone: 785-296-6170 or by FAX: 785-291-3266.